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REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter being recited by claim 3. Solely in order to expedite issuance of the present application, independent claims 13-14 have been canceled and independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3, without prejudice/disclaimer to the subject matter embodied by claims 1, 11, 13 and 14.

Accordingly, all pending claims now include the allowable subject matter of claim 3.

The Examiner's objection to claims 3 and 4 as being substantial duplicates of claims 15 and 16 is noted but traversed. Claim 1 now includes the limitations of claims 3 and 4. Amended claim 1 recites "an error correcting section", whereas claims 15 and 16 do not recite "an error correcting section." Accordingly, claims 1,4 and 15,16 are not substantial duplicates.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

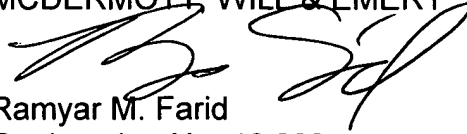
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the

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filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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